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HIV/AIDS HAS NO AGE—GET TESTED ON SEPT. 18 TO MARK NATIONAL HIV/AIDS & AGING AWARENESS DAY



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To spotlight National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAAD), the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) and the Pinellas Planning Partnership (PPP) will provide no-cost HIV testing, health screenings, information and more from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Dedicated Senior Medical Center, 901 22nd Ave. S. in St. Petersburg.



NHAAAD is an opportunity to bring awareness to the important issues related to HIV/AIDS and the aging population in our community. Without realizing it, Americans aged 50 and older have many of the same HIV risk factors as younger Americans.

The good news: people with HIV are living longer, healthier lives thanks to advanced treatment and care, but the first step is to get tested. DOH-Pinellas and PPP are urging older adults to take advantage of NHAAAD as an opportunity to get tested and know their status (within minutes) and get linked to treatment, if needed.

The Centers for Disease Control and Health Prevention (CDC) recommends that all adults be tested for HIV at least once during their lifetime. Persons at increased risk for HIV should be tested more frequently. To find out if you are at increased risk, visit the CDC HIV/AIDS site at www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/testing.html.

This no-cost event is open to the public and organized by the Pinellas Planning Partnership, which includes DOH-Pinellas, EPIC, Metro Wellness and Community Centers, Clear Health Alliance, Help Us Help U, YES!, Black Nurses of Pinellas Co., Neighborly Care Network, AHF and Walgreens.

For information about the Pinellas Planning Partnership, go to Facebook at www.facebook.com/PinellasPlanningPartnership/.

For more information about DOH-Pinellas, go to www.PinellasHealth.com or follow us on Twitter at [@HealthyPinellas](https://twitter.com/HealthyPinellas).

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